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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

ISABELLE MORVAN, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/515,872

Filed: February 29, 2000

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
COMMUNICATING A
MESSAGE ON A NETWORK
AND SYSTEMS USING
THEM

Examiner: P. Winder

Group Art Unit: 2155

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 1, 2003, Applicants
hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the Group I claims, namely Claims 1 to 48. The

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Restriction Requirement is, however, traversed.

Traversal is on the ground that there would not be undue burden in examining three groups of claims in a single application. In particular, MPEP § 808 makes clear that in order to require restriction between independent or distinct inventions, reasons for insisting upon a restriction requirement, such as undue burden, must also be shown. In the present instance, it is not believed that there would be undue burden in examining three groups of claims in a single application, since the three groups of claims are not so different as would require a burden on the Examiner that is significantly beyond that of the normal burdens of examination.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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